

*Message of the Commons to the Prince Regent,
9th Nov 1812*

May it please Your Royal Highness,

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to return our most humble Thanks to Your Royal Highness for Your most gracious Speech.

We assure Your Royal Highness, that we most sensibly share in the deep Concern which Your Royal Highness has expressed at the Continuance of His Majesty's lamented Indisposition, and at the Diminution of the Hopes which Your Royal Highness had so anxiously entertained of His Recovery.

We beg leave to express our cordial participation in the Satisfaction derived by Your Royal Highness from the Improvement of our Prospects during the Course of the present Year.

We have observed, with the utmost Satisfaction, the Valour and Intrepidity displayed by His Majesty's Forces, and those of His Allies, in the Peninsula, on so many Occasions during this Campaign, and the consummate Skill and Judgment with which the Operations have been conducted
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by General The Marquis of Wellington, and
which have led to Consequences of the utmost
Importance to the Common Cause.

We congratulate Your Royal Highness on
the glorious and ever memorable Victory obtained
by that illustrious Officer at Salamanca, by
which great Achievement, and by the other
Operations which have transferred the War into
the Interior of Spain, he has compelled the
Enemy to raise the Siege of Cadiz, and the
Southern Provinces of that Kingdom have been
delivered from the Power and Arms of France,
and, while we regret that the Efforts of the
Enemy, combined with a view to one great
Operation, have rendered it necessary to
withdraw from the Siege of Burgos, and to
evacuate Madrid, for the purpose of
concentrating the main Body of the Allied
Forces, it is satisfactory to reflect that these
Efforts of the Enemy have nevertheless been
attended with important Sacrifices on their
part, which, we trust, will materially contribute
to extend the Resources and facilitate the
Exertions of the Spanish Nation.

We assure Your Royal Highness, that
we are determined to continue to afford every
aid in support of a Contest, which has first
given to the Continent of Europe the Example
of persevering and successful Resistance to
the Power of France, and on which not only the
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Independence of the Nations of the Peninsula,
but the best Interests of His Majesty's
Dominions essentially depends.

We return Your Royal Highness our humble
Thanks for having been graciously pleased to
direct Copies of the Treaties between His Majesty
and the Courts of Saint Petersburg and Stock-
holm to be laid before us; and we assure Your
Royal Highness that we participate in the
pleasure expressed by Your Royal Highness
at the Restoration of the Relations of Peace
and Friendship with those Courts.

We have observed, with Sentiments of the
highest Admiration, the Resistance which has
been opposed by the Emperor of Russia to so
large a proportion of the Military Power of
France, assisted by its Allies, and by the
Tributary States dependent upon it, in a
Contest for his own Sovereign Rights, and for
the Independence of His Dominions: By his
Imperial Majesty's Magnanimity and
Perseverance, by the Zeal and Disinterestedness
of all Ranks of His Subjects, and by the Gallantry
Firmness and Intrepidity of His Forces, the
presumptuous Expectations of the Enemy have
been signally disappointed; The Enthusiasm of
the Russian Nation has increased with the
Difficulties of the Contest, and with the Dangers
with which they were surrounded: They have
submitted to Sacrifices of which there are few
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Examples in the History of the World; and we indulge the confident Hope, that the determined Perseverance of His Imperial Majesty will be crowned with ultimate Success, and that this Contest, in its Result, will have the effect of establishing, upon a Foundation never to be shaken, the Security and Independence of the Russian Empire.

We learn, with peculiar Satisfaction, the proof of Confidence which Your Royal Highness has received from His Imperial Majesty in the Measure which He has adopted of sending His Fleets to the Ports of this Country, as well as the Determination expressed by Your Royal Highness to afford His Imperial Majesty the most cordial Support in the great Contest in which He is engaged.

We rejoice to find that Your Royal Highness has concluded a Treaty with His Sicilian Majesty Supplementary to the Treaties of 1808 and 1809; and we return our humble Thanks to Your Royal Highness for Your gracious Intention of laying a Copy of this Treaty before us, as soon as the Ratifications shall have been exchanged; and we trust the Object will be attained which Your Royal Highness has had in view, of providing for the more extensive Application of the Military Force of the Sicilian Government to offensive Operations against the Common Enemy.

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Whilst we learn from Your Royal Highness, that the Declaration of War by the Government of the United States of America was made under Circumstances which might have afforded a reasonable Expectation that the amicable Relations between the two Nations would not long be interrupted, we participate in the regret expressed by Your Royal Highness, that the Conduct and Pretensions of that Government have hitherto prevented the Conclusion of any pacific Arrangement.

We rejoice to learn, that, notwithstanding the Measures of Hostility which have been principally directed against the adjoining British Provinces, and the Efforts which have been made to seduce the Inhabitants of them from their Allegiance to His Majesty, Your Royal Highness has received such satisfactory Proofs of Loyalty and Attachment from His Majesty's Subjects in North America, and that the Attempts of the Enemy to invade Upper Canada have not only proved abortive, but that, by the judicious Arrangements of the Governor General, and by the Skill and Decision with which the Military Operations have been conducted, the Forces of the Enemy assembled for that Purpose in one Quarter, have been compelled to capitulate, and in another have been defeated with considerable Loss.

We assure Your Royal Highness, that we fully rely on the Exertion of Your best Efforts
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for the Restoration of the Relations of Peace and Amity between the two Countries; but until this Object can be attained without sacrificing the Maritime Rights of Great Britain, Your Royal Highness may rely upon our cordial support in the vigorous prosecution of the War.

We return our humble Thanks to Your Royal Highness for having directed the Estimates for the Services of the ensuing Year to be laid before us; and we assure Your Royal Highness, that we will readily furnish such Supplies as may be necessary to enable You to provide for the great Interests committed to Your charge, and to afford the best prospect of bringing the Contest, in which His Majesty is engaged to a successful Termination.

We assure Your Royal Highness, we will not fail to take into our early Consideration the propriety of providing effectually for the future Government of the Provinces of India, and that in considering the variety of Interests which are connected with this important Subject, our best Efforts will be employed in making such an arrangement, as may best promote the Prosperity of the British Possessions in that Quarter, and at the same time secure the greatest Advantages to the Commerce and Revenue of His Majesty's Dominions.

We sincerely participate in the Satisfaction expressed by Your Royal Highness at the
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success of the measures adopted for suppressing
 the spirit of outrage and insubordination which
 had appeared in some parts of the Country, and at
 the disposition which has been manifested to take
 advantage of the Indemnity held out to the
 deluded by the Wisdom and Benevolence of
 Parliament; and we trust that Your Royal
 Highness will never have occasion to lament the
 recurrence of Atrocities so repugnant to the British
 Character, and that all His Majesty's Subjects
 will be impressed with the Conviction that the
 Happiness of Individuals, and the welfare of
 the State, equally depend upon a strict Obedience
 to the Laws, and an Attachment to our
 excellent Constitution.

Your Royal Highness may be assured, that the
 same Firmness and Perseverance which have been
 manifested on so many and such trying Occasions,
 will not be wanting at a time when the Eyes of all
 Europe and the World are fixed upon us; and that,
 fully convinced as we are, that in the Exercise of
 the great trust reposed in Your Royal Highness,
 You have no Sentiment so near Your Heart as the
 desire of promoting, by every means in Your Power,
 the real Prosperity and lasting Happiness of His
 Majesty's Subjects, Your Royal Highness may at
 all times rely on the Loyalty of the People, and the
 zealous and cordial Support of this House.

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to the Queen